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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" 2,57,680 rupees, Sir."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—" May I know whether the ' Hanuman ' is now flying and if so, where? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is not flying with the Madras Government."

Alleged smuggling of rice from the southern borders of Malabar.

* 374 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received complaints that large-scale smuggling of rice is going on from southern borders of Malabar to Travancore-Cochin State; and that the price of rice has gone up in Malabar from Rs. 42 to Rs. 55 per bag?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" In view of the fact that rice is decontrolled in Malabar and rice is still under control in Travancore-Cochin and there is a great probability of large-scale smuggling of rice into Travancore-Cochin State from Malabar, may I know whether the Government will consider the desirability of taking adequate precautionary measures? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Several precautionary measures have already been taken and the Collector's report is, he is satisfied, that there is no large scale smuggling into Travancore-Cochin State."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that the cost of rice in Malabar has gone up after decontrol and if so, the reasons for that? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, if a general question regarding the entire district of Malabar is put, I am not able to answer. It is true that in certain parts, the cost of rice has gone up and the reason for the price going up . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It has nothing to do with the present question. Let us pass on to the next question."

Cultivation of lands by Harijans under the Grow More Food Scheme in Krishna district.

* 375 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Harijans and other agricultural labourers of Bommuluru of Nuzvid taluk (Krishna district) applied to the Collector of Krishna for permission to cultivate the lands in Guravarajugunta, Sundaravarigunta and Kothacheruvu of Bommuluru village under Grow More Food Campaign; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Collector took in the matter?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"(a) No.

"(b) Does not arise."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—"ఈ మూడు చెరువులను భూస్వాములు ఆక్రమించుకొన్నారు. పోయిన సంవత్సరం పొగాకు, ఇంకా ఇతర అపరాలు వ్యవసాయం చేసారు. అయితే ఈ ప్రశ్నకు సమాధానం చెబుతూ మంత్రిగారు అటువంటిదేమీ లేదని తెలియజేయడం చాలా ఆశ్చర్యంగా ఉంది. ఈ రిపోర్టు సరి అయినది కాదు కనుక తిరిగి విచారణ జరిపించి వాస్తవపరిస్థితులను తెలుసుకొనుటకు ప్రయత్నిస్తారా ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"The hon. Member has not understood the answer. I said no representation was made. If the hon. Member wants any further information, let him put a separate question and it will be answered."

SRI ALLURI VENKATARAMA RAJU :—"ఆర్యా, ఈ భూమిని అసలు Grow More Food Scheme క్రింద వ్యవసాయదారులకు ఇవ్వదలచలేదా ? హరిజనులకు సాగుకు ఇవ్వరా ? లేక 1952 వ సం॥లో పరిపాలిస్తున్న కాంగ్రెసు ప్రభుత్వం Grow More Food Scheme ను పూర్తిగా ఎత్తివేసిందా ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"The question was, whether the petition was received. I said 'No.'"

Alleged filling up of an irrigation channel in Udumalpet taluk.

2-40 p.m. * 376 Q.—SRI T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a representation signed by about 50 villagers of Vithampatti, Udumalpet, Coimbatore district, complaining that the Collector has ordered the filling up of an irrigation channel excavated at their own cost; and

(b) whether the Government have taken any action on the said representation?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"(a) & (b) No such petition signed by about 50 villagers has been received by the Government. A petition, dated 17th November 1952, on the subject was received by the Government from Sri K. T. Raju, M.L.A., and a report has been called for from the Collector.

In 1950 and 1951 several mahazars were received by the Tahsildar, Udumalpet and Revenue Divisional Officer, Pollachi, requesting permission to excavate a channel in S. No. 42/A-1-A, natham poramboke of Veedampatti village to take the stagnant water in the kuttai on the western side of the natham to the kuttai on the eastern side near the Mariamman temple, with a view to raise the water-level of the neighbouring wells. While the matter was under